

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 17 DECEMBER 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1003-0-01 (ACCNO 6162) Status: (A) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: RAMSDEN, GERALD LEE Date Status assigned: 11 Sep 1974

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	DATA
Service	NAVY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	B +
Grade	04	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	#
SSAN		Eyes	BROWN	Weapon	#
Serial No	DATA	Height	70 in / 1.78 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	10 May 1935	Weight	153 lb / 69.3 kg	Duty pos	BOMB/NAV
Home State	CALIFORNIA	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: WATER SITE
UTM: 48QXF387716
Lat/Long: 184358N / 1061857E
Country: OVER WATER - VN
Military Region: \$
Mission Province: VN - OVERWATER
(formerly):
Mission District: VN - OVERWATER
Mission Date: 23 Jan 1968
Mission Category: 3
Local Analysis: None.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

No Information Available

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: A6A	Serial: 152932
Crash Type: Aircraft accident	Engine Type: J52
Call Sign: BOOMERANG 513	1 Serial: #
Year: \$	2 Serial: #

===== SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY =====

= Item has been researched but data cannot be obtained.
\$ = Item is not applicable to this case.
@ or Blank = Data for item is unknown or not available.

CASE: 1003

=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

22 March 1976

ON 23 JANUARY 1968 LCDR GERALD L. RAMSDEN WAS THE BOMBARDIER/NAVIGATOR OF AN A6A AIRCRAFT, (BUNO 152932 CALL SIGN BOOMERANG 513), ON A STRIKE MISSION OVER NORTH VIETNAM, THAT WAS LAUNCHED FROM THE CARRIER USS RANGER OPERATING IN THE GULF OF TONKIN. WHILE MAKING A LOW ALTITUDE APPROACH INTO THE TARGET AREA, LCDR RAMSDEN'S AIRCRAFT CRASHED AND DISINTEGRATED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES XF 387 716. THE PILOT EJECTED AND WAS RECOVERED. ALTHOUGH AN EXTENSIVE SEARCH OF THE AREA RECOVERED CONSIDERABLE AIRCRAFT DEBRIS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF HIS DAMAGED HELMET, NO TRACE OF LCDR RAMSDEN COULD BE FOUND. (REF 1)

AN OVERWATER/AT-SEA CASUALTY RESOLUTION OPERATION WAS CONDUCTED DURING THE PERIOD OF JULY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1973 TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY/DESIRABILITY OF EXPANDING SUCH OPERATIONS TO BE USED IN CASES SUCH AS THIS. BASED ON THE COMBINED FACTORS OF COST AND THE LACK OF ANY POSITIVE RESULTS WHATSOEVER, THE AT-SEA OPERATIONS WERE TERMINATED. THIS INDIVIDUAL'S NAME AND IDENTIFYING DATA WERE TURNED OVER TO THE FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING.

ON 11 SEPTEMBER 1974 THE ARMED SERVICES GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICE CONCURRED WITH THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THE REMAINS OF LCDR RAMSDEN ARE NONRECOVERABLE, AND FURTHER DIRECTED THAT THE CASE REVERT TO INACTIVE STATUS AND SEARCH PLANS DISCONTINUE. (REF 2) LCDR RAMSDEN IS CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, REMAINS NONRECOVERABLE.

=== REFERENCES ===

22 March 1976

REFERENCES: <1> RPT, JCRC-CDD-GR, 29 AUG 74. <2> RPT, MEMA-ASGRO, 11 SEP 74.

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

13 December 1993

DURING THE 28 JULY 1993 POW/MIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI, A LIST OF CASES INVOLVING 168 UNACCOUNTED-FOR PERSONNEL PRESUMABLY LOST OVER WATER AT LEAST 10 KILOMETERS FROM THE COAST OF VIETNAM WAS PASSED TO THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT. THE VIETNAMESE WERE ASKED TO UNILATERALLY REVIEW THEIR RECORDS FOR RELEVANT INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THESE CASES.